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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Yugoslavia

- 1. There is a very good DDI intelligence assessment dated 22 November 82 entitled "Yugoslavia: The Strains Begin to Tell" (attached). The question of what to do to help Yugoslavia's position will come up early in the year, perhaps as early as January.
- 2. I think we should do a quick SNIE on what the Soviets might do to abort a Western rescue effort with responses like these and others you will think of:
 - -- As they have in the past, the Soviets could punish Belgrade by cutting oil shipments.
 - -- Or they could cut the level of Yugoslavian-Soviet countertrade, which has I believe doubled in the last few years.
 - -- Either of these actions, if not countered, would devastate the Yugoslavian economy.
 - -- Alternatively, the Soviets could so to speak bid against the West by boosting oil shipments and enhancing the terms of trade.
 - -- The Soviets could also offer weapons to the Yugoslavian military forces on terms the generals couldn't refuse. A strong alliance with the Yugoslavian army would be immensely valuable to Moscow.
- 3. Then we should go on to consider what measures would be available to the West to any such Soviet countermeasures--oil supply, weapon supply, etc.
- 4. It might be entitled "Likely Soviet Responses to Western Initiatives in Yugoslavia."

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Attachment

